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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MASARU YOSHITAKE ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/JP00/00323)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL :
CELL AND METHOD FOR ITS :
PRODUCTION :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 8 and 9.

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

5. (Amended) The polymer electrolyte fuel cell according to Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing polymer is contained in the current collectors in an amount of from 0.001 to 60% based on the total mass of the current collectors.

6. (Amended) The polymer electrolyte fuel cell according to Claim 1, wherein the porous sheet is made of a carbonaceous material.